

**CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT
CITY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008**

Councilman Kelly Porter called the Public Session to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Councilmember Johnie Higgs, Sr, Councilmember Charl Jones, Councilmember John Morris, Councilmember Kelly Porter, Councilmember Brian K. Shivers, Councilmember Reveral Yeargin(7:15pm)

Excused: Councilmember Charl Jones

Staff: Tiara Andrews, Code Enforcement Officer; Robert Ashton, Treasurer; Darlinda Sanders, Special Assistant, Economic & Community Development/Nuisance & Abatement; Louis Oliver, Public Works Foreman, Warren Finkelman, Deputy Chief of Police; Dashaun Lanham, Acting City Clerk

The invocation was given by Councilmember Higgs

Agenda – It was moved by Councilmember Higgs and second by Councilmember Jones to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

Joint Proclamation to declaring May, 2008 as Neurofibromatosis Awareness month. It was moved by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Jones. The motion carried.

For: Higgs, Jones, Morris, Porter, Yeargin

Against: Shivers

Abstain: None

REPORTS

City Administrator's and Department Reports

City Administrator report will be forthcoming due to technical difficulties for the April 2008 Management Report (see attached).

LEGISLATION

Resolution R-08-04 Charter Amendment-City Treasurer- The resolution was introduced by Councilmember's Higgs, Morris, Porter, Simms, the first reading was on Monday, April 14, 2008. It was moved by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve R-08-04. The motion carried.

For: Higgs, Jones, Morris, Porter

Against: Shivers, Yeargin

Abstain: None

Resolution R-08-05 Appoint a City Administrator for the City of Seat Pleasant-The resolution was introduced by Councilmember's Higgs, Jones, Morris, Porter, the first reading was on Monday, May 12, 2008. It was moved by Councilmember Higgs and seconded by Councilmember Jones to approve R-08-05. The motion carried.

For: Higgs, Jones, Morris, Porter

Against: Shivers, Yeargin

Abstain: None

Ordinance O-08-06 Amendment of the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Budget for an Audit, it was moved by Councilmember Shivers and seconded by Councilmember Shivers to table O-08-06.

CITIZEN COMMENT

James Wright, Seat Pleasant, MD. Mr. Wright stated that he supports the City Council in selecting Ms. Yates as the City Administrator. He said that Ms. Yates is very professional and knowledgeable. Seat Pleasant Health Partnership is open to all residents.

Jacqui Battle, Seat Pleasant, MD. Ms. Battle had questioned on the FY2008-2009 budget hearing. She does not feel like the Council should have changed the City Treasurer to report to the City Administrator according to Resolution 08-04. She does not feel the City Council had properly advertised the position for the City Administrator. We have qualified people within Seat Pleasant that could have applied for the position.

Montzine Bowles, Seat Pleasant, MD. Ms. Bowles has an issue with the sidewalks and water drainage on 71st Street from the alley to 617 and 614 71st Avenue.

Christine White, Seat Pleasant, MD. Ms. White had received a letter from Code Enforcement regarding trash on her property. She said she followed the code with regards

to bagging the leaves for the Wednesday pick-up. The bags were not trash and she feels she should receive a written apology from the Code Enforcer.

Pamela Boone, Seat Pleasant, MD. Ms. Boone has an issue that the City Council would not allow her to use the Feggans Center this year. She wants an answer from the Council.

Janice Fisher, Seat Pleasant, MD. Seat Pleasant Dollars for Scholars has scheduled a trip to New York to see "The Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" The cost of the trip is \$170.00, which includes your transportation and meal.

Weyimi Ayu, Thanked the Mayor and City Council for the experience in working with the City of Seat Pleasant. He graduated from Howard University and waiting to pass the bar, but can give a free referral to residents and anyone associated with Seat Pleasant that needs an Attorney.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Shivers moved to have Authorize the City Attorney to send letter to Eads Street Developer cancelling agreement. The motioned was seconded by Councilmember Jones. The motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

Submitted,


Dashaun Lanham

Acting City Clerk